



## U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives

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August 7, 2019

REFER TO: 2019-1137

Mr. Nick Martin  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
[68908-87154710@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:68908-87154710@requests.muckrock.com)

Dear Mr. Martin:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act request dated February 14, 2019, and received by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on February 14, 2019, in which you requested records concerning Jason Todd Ready (aka JT Ready) (Deceased). Your request has been assigned number 2019-1137. Please refer to this number on any future correspondence.

In response to your request, we have processed a total of 14 pages of responsive material. We are releasing 6 pages in full, and we are releasing 8 pages in part. We are withholding 0 pages in full. Each page of this production indicates whether it is being released in full (RIF) or released in part (RIP). Individual redactions identify the exemption pursuant to which the redacted material has been withheld. If pages were withheld in their entirety, a deletion sheet is included noting the reason for the withholding.

We are withholding the personal information of other individuals mentioned in the records you requested under FOIA Exemption (b)(6). To disclose personal information about living individuals to a member of the public, we need the written consent from the persons whose information you requested. Without written consent, proof of death, or an overriding public interest, personal information is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. The FOIA does not require agencies to disclose information that would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)).

We are withholding the personal information of other persons mentioned in the records you requested under Exemption (b)(7)(C). Exemption (b)(7)(C) permits the withholding of information compiled for law enforcement purposes that "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The public interest in disclosure is limited to the FOIA's core purpose of shedding light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties. The public interest under Exemption (b)(7)(C) must be both significant and compelling in order to overcome the legitimate personal privacy interests of third parties. In this matter, the

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disclosure would not serve the core purpose of the FOIA, but rather, would serve as an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C)).

We are withholding the specific law enforcement codes, techniques, and procedures used in our investigation pursuant to Exemption (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA. Exemption (b)(7)(E) exempts from mandatory disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when production of such records or information “would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law” (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E)). The information withheld reveals various law enforcement file numbers and codes, which are primarily used to store and retrieve law enforcement information. Disclosure of such numbers and codes could allow individuals outside the agency to circumvent agency functions and gain access to sensitive investigative information. The information withheld also reveals specific law enforcement procedures and techniques used in this investigation. Disclosure of such information could enable individuals outside of the agency to circumvent agency functions and gain access to sensitive investigative information.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaisons, Darryl Webb or Zina Kornegay, at (202) 648-7390, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or

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electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Siple", is centered below the word "Sincerely,".

Adam C. Siple  
Chief, Disclosure Division

Enclosure

Title of Investigation: J.T. Ready Murder-Suicide	Investigation Number: 785080-12-0016	Report Number: 1
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

On 05/02/2012, Jason Todd READY killed 4 people in a suspected domestic dispute, and then killed himself. A search of his residence lead to the discovery of 6 HEDP 40mm grenades, and other military ordnance.

**NARRATIVE:**

1. On 05/02/2012, at approximately 1445 hours, EEO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was contacted by Arizona State University K9 handler (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested ATF assistance in a search of the residence located at 530 W. Tumbleweed, Gilbert, Arizona. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told EEO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that his explosives detection K9 had alerted in the garage. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that there was ammunition visible, but was not sure if any other explosives were contained in the garage.
2. At approximately 1530 hours, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and EEO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) arrived at the residence. Upon arrival, Gilbert Police Department officers informed ATF that the residence was actually the scene of a suspected murder-suicide, with 5 deceased people. Gilbert PD also told ATF that the suspected shooter was J.T. Ready, a well known National Socialist and anti-immigration advocate. The shooting victims were Lisa Lynn Mederos, 47, Ready's girlfriend; Lisa's daughter Amber Mederos, 23; Amber's 15-month-old daughter, Lilly; and Amber's boyfriend Jim Hiott, 24.
3. A search of the garage was conducted by ATF, FBI, and the Mesa Police Department bomb squad. This search was pursuant to a Maricopa County Superior Court ordered search warrant obtained by the Gilbert Police Department. During the search, FBI SABT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) found a plastic storage bin that contained the following items:
  - 6 each, M433 HEDP, 40mm Cartridge, Lot #MA-87G166-001 with PIBD M550 projectile, #AC086H003-002
  - 8 each, MP XM576E1, Lot #JA-20-29, 1-70 with the additional markings XM199E1 G.I.E. 60-21, 2-69
  - 4 each, XM651E1, CS 40mm Cartridge, Lot no. TKL-1, 8/71 (.908/70)
  - 6- 40mm practice grenades lot #MA187B004-002
  - 2 each, Practice Cartridges, 37mm or 40mm size
  - 6 each, M433 HEDP, 40mm Cartridge, Lot #MA-87G166-001 with PIBD M550 projectile, #AC086H003-002
  - 8 each, MP XM576E1, Lot #JA-20-29, 1-70 with the additional markings XM199E1 G.I.E. 60-21, 2-69
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Prepared by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix V (Arson) Field Office	Signature: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date: 5/7/2012
Authorized by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Title: Acting Group Supervisor, Phoenix V (Arson) Field Office	Signature: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date: 5/7/12
Second level reviewer (optional): Thomas G. Atteberry	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature: [Signature]	Date:



- 2 each, Model F18 (Federal Laboratories) Red Smoke Grenade
  - Model F18 (Federal Laboratories) Red Smoke Grenade
  - Unknown Manufacture Smoke Grenade (Painted light blue and camouflage color)
  - Red Smoke Grenade #PE5406-2
  - Def-Tec No. 98CS Grenade body without fuse
  - Smoke type Hand Grenade fuse, unknown model (live)
  - HC White Smoke Grenade, Lot PB-16001-19, 6-61
  - M18 Yellow Smoke Grenade, Lot OP1-22-36
  - M18 Green Smoke Grenade (sealed in shipping tube)
  - M18 Smoke Grenade Lot PB ...40..., 7-54 (sealed in shipping tube)
  - Comet-Pyrotechnik Parachute Flare, White
  - 2 each, M126A1, Illumination (Red), L311, Lot #LOW23-76, 11-68
  - 3 each, M125A1, Star Illumination (Green), L314, Lot #LOW23-76, 1-68
  - 2 each, M127A1, Star Illumination (White), L312, Lot #LOW90-29, 7-70
  - M52A1, Rifle Grenade, Star Illumination (Red), Lot #USF 6-58, Jun1944
  - M18A1, Rifle Grenade, Star Illumination (White), Lot #FLI-20-1, 3-53
  - M126A1, Parachute Flare (Red Star), Lot #LOW23-76, 11-68
  - Superior (manufacturer) Smoke Bomb #5D
  - Smoke Bomb (unknown manufacture)
  - M116, Hand Grenade Simulator, Accuracy Systems, Inc.
  - 2 each, Modified (electric initiation), HC Smoke Grenade, Lot #FDL-1-54
  - 5 each, M116A1, (Modified) Simulator Hand Grenade (in single package)
  - 5 each, M117, Booby-Trap Flash Simulator, Lot #DEI81L001-001
  - 1-ground burst simulator lot # DTI-01-82
  - 2-CS riot control hand grenades lot #2031-72-1008
  - 10- CS mighty midgets made by Smith & Wesson lot #45
  - No. 5 riot agent CS grenade blast dispersion by Smith & Wesson
4. All of the above listed items were removed from the garage before Gilbert PD began processing the homicide scene. All U.S. military items were turned over to Luke Air Force Base EOD personnel by the FBI. The remaining items were turned over to Mesa PD for destruction.

Attachments: Photos of 40mm Grenades

**Management Log for Case: 785080-100016**

**Case Title:** J.T. Ready Murder-Suicide

**Date:** 08/13/2012

**User:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

<u>Log Date</u>	<u>Log Type</u>	<u>Mgmt Log Text</u>
05/03/2012	CASE OPENED	Case opened on JT Ready.
05/07/2012	BATS Entry (BATS ID in r	Incident entered into BATS, (b) (7)(E), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
05/07/2012	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIV	Explosives trace submitted to USBDC via BATS. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
08/07/2012	NO ACTION (SEE REMAI	No investigation has taken place. This case is being investigated by the FBI as they claim it is domestic terrorism. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
08/13/2012	CASE CLOSED	This case is being closed. The suspect committed suicide on the day of the murders, and the FBI destroyed the 40mm HEDP shells. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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I/N: 785080-12-0016  
ETS: 92302

To: Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
Phoenix Field Division  
201 E. Washington St. Suite 940  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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As requested, the information concerning the above investigation was evaluated to determine the proper classification and distribution in commerce.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS OR EVALUATION**

**ITEM 1.** ATF Report of Investigation 785080-12-0016, Report # 1

The item recovered in this investigation is identified as a M433 HEDP (High Explosive, Dual Purpose) 40mm Cartridge with lot number of MA-87G166-001. The Milan Army Ammunition Plant manufactured this M433 40mm Cartridge in Milan, Tennessee.

Based upon the above, the item recovered is an explosive product as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C., Chapter 40, and is subject to the regulations contained in 27 CFR part 55. Based on the fact this product was manufactured in the State of Tennessee, it therefore traveled in interstate commerce prior to arriving in the State of Arizona.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Submitted by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Intelligence Research Specialist

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Reviewed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Intelligence Research Specialist

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Acting Director, United States Bomb Data Center

## Request for Tracing Explosives

### Section A - Requesting Agency Information (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### ATF Use

1. Requesting Agency ATF - PHOENIX, AZ GROUP V	2. Agent's Name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	3. Telephone Number:	4. Date of Request: 5/7/2012
5. Investigation Number: 785080120016 / 92302	6. Duty Location: Gilbert, AZ USA	7. Reason for Trace: RECOVERED	
8. Recovered Locations: Gilbert, AZ USA			

#### Other Agency:

9. Agency:	10. Agency POC:	11. Telephone Number:
12. Investigation Number:	13. Duty Location: Gilbert, AZ USA	
14. Priority of Request: <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedite <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Undercover		14a. Nexus (Federal Prosecutions only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Section B - Description of Explosives

#### Explosives Information:

15. Type of Explosive:	16. Manufacturer's Name: Military U.S.	17. Product Name: M433 40MM Cartridge HEDP
18. Date Shift Code/Lot Number: MA87G166001	19. Quantity: 6.00 EACH	20. Length/Dia: 40MM

#### Detonator Information:

21. Type of Detonator: <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
22. Manufacturer's Name:	23. Product Name:	
24. Date Shift Code/Lot Number:	25. Quantity:	26. Length/Dia:
27. Shell Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Copper <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		
28. Wire Material: <input type="checkbox"/> Iron <input type="checkbox"/> Copper <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		Delay:
29. Length of Wires:	30. Color of Wires:	31. Color of Shock Tube:

#### Additional Information:

M-433 HEDP, 40mm Cartridge, Lot #MA-87G166-001 with PIBD M550 projectile, #AC086H003-002

### Section C - Manufacturer Product Information

32. Manufacturer's name: Military U.S.	33. Place of Manufacture: MILAN, TNUSA	34. Date Manufactured: 8/10/1987 12:00:00 AM
35. Quantity Manufactured: 33120 EACH	36. Point of Contact: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	37. Telephone Number:
Additional Information:		

### Section D - Trace Results Information

38. Resources Checked: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ETS	39. Attachments:	40. NEXUS Completed Date: 5/15/2012 12:00:00 AM
41. Name of Trace Coordinator: IRS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	42. Date Completed: 5/15/2012 12:00:00 AM	43. Trace Returned to Agent By: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mail

ATF Form 3325.1  
Revised May 2004

Tracing Id: 92302

**Product Data**

Date Shift Lot Code: MA87G166001

Product Name: M433 40MM Cartridge  
HEDP

Size: 40MM

Manufacture Name: Military U.S.

Wire Type:

Wire/Tube Length:

Wire/Tube Color: /

Shell Color:

Wire Delay:

**Trace Data**

Requested Date: 5/7/2012 5:02:00 PM

Priority Code: EXPEDITE

Mode Code: EMAIL

Requested By: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Badge:

Phone Number: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Request City: Gilbert

State: AZ

Foreign State:

Request For:

Reason: RECOVERED

Investigation Id: 785080120016

Recovered City: Gilbert

Recovered State: AZ

Recovered Quantity: 6.00

Recovered Unit of Measure: EA

**Remarks**

## **Transfer Data**

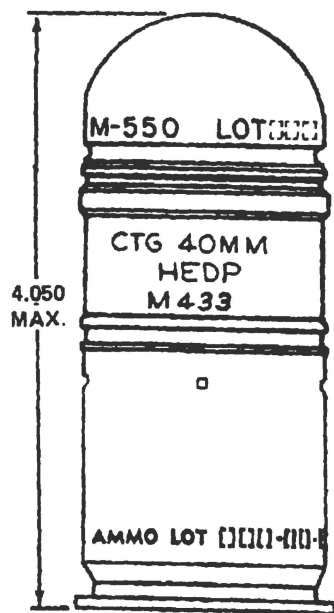
**Record Id:** 92302  
**Name:** Military U.S.  
**City:** MILAN  
**State:** TN  
**Country:** USA  
**Phone:**

## **Manufacturer Information**

**Date Manufactured:** 8/10/1987  
**Quantity Manufactured:** 33120  
**Unit of Measure:** EACH



## CARTRIDGE, 40-MILLIMETER: HEDP, M433



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**Type Classification:**

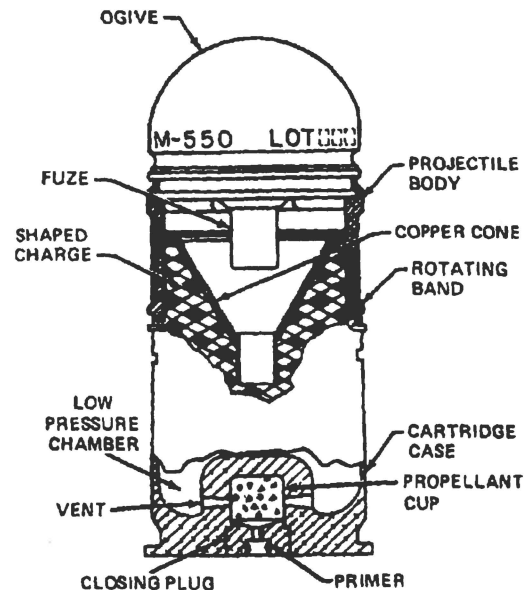
Std AMCTC 8306 dtd 1971

**Use:**

This cartridge is a dual purpose impact type round which is designed to penetrate at least two inches of steel armor at 0 angle of obliquity and inflict personnel casualties in the target area. It is fired from 40mm Grenade Launchers M79 and M203 (attached to the M16 series rifle).

**Description:**

The cartridge is a fixed round of ammunition consisting of a one-piece, aluminum projectile body with rotating band, and a cartridge case assembly. A hollow aluminum ogive is fitted to the front end of the projectile. A PIBD fuze assembly with an RDX spit-back charge and copper cone liner is fitted to the opening of the projectile cavity. The cavity is sealed by the fuze assembly and contains the high explosive shaped charge. The projectile assembly is press-fitted into the cartridge case assembly. The case is a hollow bichambered aluminum cylinder with a steel closing plug crimped into the opening of the annealed brass propellant cup assembly in the cartridge base. The propellant cup has vent holes in the sides, is sealed in the



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bottom by the closing plug, and contains the propelling charge. A percussion primer is crimped into the center of the closing plug. The propellant cup acts as a high-pressure chamber, and the upper hollow cavity in the case acts as a low-pressure chamber.

**Functioning:**

The weapon firing pin strikes the percussion primer, which ignites the propelling charge. Pressure created by the burning propellant in the high-pressure chamber causes the propellant cup to rupture. The propellant gases escape through vent holes into the low-pressure chamber. The rotating band around the projectile engages the rifling in the launcher tube to impart a spin of 3750 rpm to the projectile. Expanding gases in the low-pressure chamber force the projectile through the tube with a muzzle velocity of 76 meters per second. After the projectile leaves the launcher tube, initial rotation causes the fuze detent to free the fuze rotor. Centrifugal force causes three hammer weights to move radially outward, allowing a conical spring to move the firing pin forward, disengaging the rotor. Dynamic imbalance of the rotor causes it to rotate to the armed position, aligning the M55 detonator with the firing pin and the spitback shaped charge. A fuze escapement mechanism retards rotor movement, delaying arming until

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the projectile has traveled at least 45 feet from the launcher tube. Upon impact with the target, the firing pin is driven into the detonator, triggering the spit-back shaped charge and producing a jet blast which detonates the HE bursting charge. Detonation of the bursting charge forms an armor-piercing jet of molten metal and fragmentation of the projectile body.

#### Tabulated Data:

##### Complete round:

Type -----	HEAP
Weight -----	0.507 lb
Length -----	4.05 in.
Weapons used with -----	M79, M203 40mm grenade launchers (attached to M16 series rifle)

##### Projectile:

Body material -----	Aluminum skirt with steel cup attached
Color -----	Olive drab w/white markings and yellow ogive
Filler and weight -----	Comp A5, 45 g
Fuze -----	PIBD, M550

##### Propelling charge:

Cartridge case -----	M118
Propelling charge -----	M9, 330 mg
Primer -----	M42, FED 100

##### Performance:

Maximum range -----	400 m
Muzzle velocity -----	76 mps (250 fps)
Arming distance -----	14 to 27 m (45 -90 ft)

#### Temperature Limits:

##### Firing:

Lower limit -----	-45°F (-42.8°C)
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Upper limit -----	+125°F (51.6°C)
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##### Storage:

Lower limit -----	-65°F (-53.8°C)
Upper limit -----	+165°F (73.9°C)

*Packing -----	6 rounds in bandoleer; 12 bandoleers (72 rounds) per box
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##### \*Packing Box

Weight -----	53.5 lb
Dimensions -----	17-3/4 x 14-1/8 x 11-15/32 in.
Cube -----	1.7 cu ft

\*NOTE: See DOD Consolidated Ammunition Catalog for complete packing data including NSN's.

#### Storage and Shipping Data:

UNO serial number -----	0006
Hazard class/division and storage compatibility group --	(04) 1.1 E
DOT class -----	Class A Explosive
DOT marking -----	AMMUNITION FOR CANNON W/EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES
DODAC -----	1310-B546
Cartridge drawing number -----	8886371
Packing drawing number -----	8835104, 8835105

#### References:

SB 700-20  
TM 9-1010-205-10  
TM 9-1010-221-10  
TM 9-1300-251-20  
TM 9-1300-251-34

**Incident Date/Time/Location****Status**

Investigation Open

**Jurisdiction**

Assisting

**Start Date/Time**

5/2/2012 13:00 Wednesday

**Address - Street Address**

530 W Tumbleweed

**City/State/Zip**

Gilbert, AZ 85233

**County**

Maricopa

**Investigator Information****Name****Phone****Email**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Title**

Special Agent

**Badge Number**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Property Use or Target Information****Type**

Residential

**Subtype**1 (Single Family) or 2 Family  
Dwelling

**Scene Details**

**Related Incidents**

BATS Incident ID	Agency Incident ID	Agency ID	Agency Name
(b) (7)(E)	20128520	AZ0079700	Arizona State University Police Department
	20121240223	AZ0071700	Mesa Police Department

**Miscellaneous Information**

**ATF Involved**  
No

<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
33.340654	-111.800848

Device/Explosives Details

Device: Device 1 - Storage area, other

Type	Placement	Sub-Placement	Placement Method	Quantity
Device	Storage Areas	Storage area, other	Hand Placed	6

Material: Projectile

Brand Name	Common Name	Date Shft Lot Mnfctd Code	Description
HEDP 40mm grenade	40mm grenade	MA-87G166-001	M433 HEDP, 40mm Cartridge, Lot #MA-87G166-001 with PIBD M550 projectile, #AC086H003-002
Diameter	Manufacturer Type	Material Sub Type	Model Num
40.00	Military U.S.	Projectile	M433 HEDP
Quantity	Units I D		
6.00	1		

**Materials (Not Associated With a Device)**



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Special Agent - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Date

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Approving Official

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Date